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COMMITTEE CALL.

A meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee of Kansas is here by called to be held at Topeka, Kansas, on Friday, Feb. 28th, 1896, at 4 P. M. in the parlors of the Throop Hotel, for the purpose of agreeing upon a basis of representation and selecting a place and time for holding a state convention to select delegates and alternates to the National Convention to be held at Chicago, Ills. July 7th, 1896.

By Order of J. S. Richardson, chm.
W. H. L. PEPPERELL,
Secretary.

ENGLAND may have her "flying squadron," but there are no flies on America's squadron.

GRANDPA's hat is now out of sight. Cupid has stolen it, and Uncle Ben now officially announces that he will not be a candidate for president.

WHEN a woman announces to her husband that she "wants to have a plain talk with him," it means she wants him to confess his little irregularities.

DOCTOR McLALLIN, who has been the power behind the Topeka Advocate, has retired from the editorship of that paper. The Advocate has had a large circulation and was a populist power, but the retirement of Dr. McLallin will not hurt its popularity in the least. He was a crank of the crankiest cranks.

When they talk of beating Morrill with such men as Sampeters, its time to tap the party for the simpies. It was the Sampeters type of politics that gave Kansas Governor Glick, and afterwards Lewelling. People are prone to look up, and not down, for brains.—Evening news.

IT DEPENDS on what people you refer to, Judge. The majority have been looking up while the minority have been looking down—and winning in Kansas the past few years.

KANSAS people should not lose sight of local issue in the excitement of national affairs. Remember that this is the year that a winning fight can be made for a constitutional convention. With a revision of the organic laws of this state, and an elimination of those so-called laws—which are not laws, but farcial pretenses—that have driven emigration from us. Kansas will once again forge to the front as the banner state of the great west. Keep up the fight for Kansas.

WHAT has become of our handsome Chester who went down to Washington to fill Jerry Simpson's socks? We have not heard of him since the report came out that Jerry had stolen a march on his successor by assigning his allotment of free seeds to some other fellow. Did this cute move of Jerry's completely squelch the loquacious Chester? By the time Jerry had been in congress as long as Chester has, the whole country was reading and talking about the sockless statesman from the 7th Kansas district.

A CLOSE observer of human nature says: "It is more fun to see a man read a puff of himself in a newspaper than to see a fat man step on a banana peel. The narrow minded man reads it seven or eight times and then goes around and steals—appropriates—what copies he can. The kind hearted man goes home and reads it to his wife then pays up his dues to the paper. The successful business man who advertises regularly and makes money by it, immediately starts out to find the editor and the two men leave the sanctum and walk silently and thoughtfully down the street together the business man taking sugar in his and they both eat a clove or two, and life is sweeter, and peace settles down on their hearts for a moment. Such is the experience of seed that falls upon different soil."

THE wild geese seen flying south Saturday and Sunday probably had a tip from Mr. G. Hogg, who came out on the 2d, sized up a large, well defined shadow, and retired into his hole for six weeks more of winter.

AT THE Copeland hotel in Topeka, official headquarters for Kansas republicanism, a colored man, an organizer for the Christian Industrial Institute for colored people, was insultingly ejected from the elevator the other day on account of his color. Yet the republicans prate of their friendship for the negro and their advocacy of equality. A "nigger" is good enough to vote the republican ticket, but that was the chief right conferred upon him.—Lawrence Gazette.

Heaven Enough,

An editor who died of starvation was being escorted to Heaven by an angel who had been sent for that purpose. "May I look at the other place before we ascend to eternal happiness?" "Easily," said the angel. So they went below and skinned around, taking in the sights. The angel lost track of the editor and went around hedges to hunt him. He found him sitting by a furnace fanning himself and gazing with rapture upon a lot of people in the fire. There was a sign on the furnace which said: "Delinquent Subscribers." "Come," said the angel, "we must be going. You go on," said the editor; "I'm not coming. This is heaven enough for me."—Wichita Eagle.

Money For His Time:

Here is a story of a woman "ad" solicitor which points a moral worthy of being taken to heart by all who aspire to "get on" in the business world. She had been working at it for nearly six months when she was told one day to go and see a prominent linen dealer of Twenty-third street and try to get an order from him.

She had heard of him being a queer cantankerous individual and extremely hard to approach, and she knew if she stated her errand she would not be able to see him at all. So, assuming a confidence she did not feel, she went boldly up to the store one morning, and, seeing a floor-walker, stepped up to him and said in an "acquaintance-of-long-standing" sort of voice: "Has Mr. C—— come down yet? I have looked all over the store and cannot find him."

"Oh yes, miss," the man answered, thinking she was an old friend, "he was in his private room over there, a few moments ago."

"Thanks, very much," she answered. "I will go over and see him a minute then," and she walked deliberately over and into the office where he was sitting. Stepping up to his desk, she said as sweetly as possible, "Good morning!"

"Good morning, young lady; what do you want?" he said, gruffly.

"Only to speak to you a minute if you're not too busy," she answered.

She had been told before going that no one else had been able to get anything from him, so it was a matter of pride with her to succeed.

"My time is worth five dollars a minute," he said, decidedly, "and I cannot afford to waste it. Good morning."

She felt that it was now or never. She had just received her week's salary and had it in her pocket.

"Very well, sir," she answered, "I will take three minutes, please."

Taking out her pocket book and watch she put three five dollar bills on the desk and her watch on top; and sitting on her chair beside him, she began to talk.

She says he looked up in astonishment, with a smile on his face, and, when the three minutes were up by the watch, and she had obtained an order for several weeks and made a friend of him, which stood her in good stead many a time. Of course, he did not take the money, and she knew he would not, but she caught him by her promptness and did a good stroke of business.—Argosy.

And still the ice dealers are fearful that their calling and their avocation will be gone the coming summer.

LOCAL NOTES.

Notice the change in the ad. of Mr. Lundblade's.

The city has had a new, stone floor laid in the city jail. A much needed improvement.

R. B. Warren has bought an insurance business at Hutchinson, and taken charge this week.

The Lincoln entertainment, by the S. of V., has been set for Monday night the 17th. at G. A. R. Hall. Everybody cordially invited.

D. O. Dotson was taken quite sick while in town Saturday, and did not get home till Sunday evening. He is having an attack of the gripe.

Mrs. D. J. Hanmer entertained Mrs. J. F. Lewis, Misses Mary Zimmet and Ella Cline at dinner, Monday, in honor of Miss Belle Brown.

The entertainment at district 16, south of the river, last Friday evening was attended by quite a number of Great Bend young folks; all report a pleasant time.

From all reports, some of the witnesses who went to Dodge City on the Frye and Fossburg case had a "time" not down on the regular routine of court business.

The entertainment that was to be at the school house Friday evening, Feb. 14, has been postponed until Saturday evening Feb. 15.

C. F. DINWIDDIE, Teacher.

Fred Stauffer writes from Chicago that he has just finished a thirteen room brick home for himself, is well and happy, and wants to be remembered by all of his Barton county friends.

Stanley Siddorn met with an accident on the streets, Saturday, while witnessing the St. Plunkard parade. Some one ran into and broke his tricycle, on which he rides since losing his legs.

Invitations are out for a K. of P. ball on Friday evening of this week—the 14th. As the Knights always preserve the best of order and furnish excellent music a most pleasant evening may be assured.

Mrs. W. M. Gage returned from Topeka Monday evening, with her daughter whom she had at Medical college there. The daughter is still in as poor a condition as when she left here some months ago.

Today is longer than yesterday, and tomorrow will be longer than today, but that is no reason why every man interested in Barton county should not send in a dollar and get the news for a whole year through the DEMOCRAT.

Tuesday evening the G. A. R. boys surprised A. B. Miller, and Saturday night they did it to W. A. Hanger. The old boys are having a gay time this winter going the rounds and making life less a burden for their comrades.

Sunday a young girl about 15 was taken in charge by Marshall Ewalt, and is being held pending word from her folks in Missouri. She has shown a disposition to be "fast" and was finding plenty of encouragement from the local toughs.

The following Great Bend citizens went to Dodge City the first of the week, as witnesses in the counterfeiting cases: Mrs. Frey and children, Dick Ewalt, Bob Brown, George Spencer, Sheriff Aber, L. L. Dudley, H. Welch, Wm. Seibert and Joe Shaffer.

Chas. Zutavern, assistant P. M. left Monday night on a three days visit to Howard, Kas., where he acts as best man at the marriage of a cousin. With a little more practice in this line Charlie will be ready for a similar event of more importance to himself.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend a Valentine box social, at the 93 school house Saturday evening of this week. The ladies will prepare the boxes and valentines and the gentlemen are expected to do their share in the proper manner. The proceeds are to help purchase a school library for the district. The Heizer band has promised to be present.

Lincoln, Neb., has an ordinance calling for the arrest of all boys under sixteen who are found on the streets after 8 o'clock in the evenings in winter and 9 o'clock in summer. Great Bend is growing up a lot of tough little rascals who roam the streets until late at night doing all sorts of devilment. Would not an ordinance like that in force at Lincoln be a benefit to such boys?

The Way To Save Money Is To Trade At The



We place on sale this week:

Men's good heavy Corduroy pants worth \$2.50 for \$1.95.	Good Fedora hats worth \$1.50 for 95c.
Men's fine dress pants fancy stripes worth \$2.00 for \$1.35.	Good seamless socks all colors worth 15c for 10c.
Men's good dress pants five styles to select from worth \$1.50 for 95c.	Silk embroidery suspenders worth 25c for 15c.
Men's wearing shirts made of good hickory shirting for 24c.	10 dozen Windsor neckties worth 15c. will go for 5c.
	10 dozen ladies fine hemstitched plain white handkerchiefs worth 10c for 5c.
	Men's genuine Creole plow shoes for \$1.24.

NOTIONS.

Wide Velvet Binding.....4c	100 yards Seco silk.....8c
Narrow Velvet Binding.....3c	Dress Staves the best.....8c
Collar Buttons per dozen.....4c	Needles 5 papers.....5c
Good Pearl Buttons per dozen.....5c	Pins good ones 4 packages.....5c
Fine Laces 1-2-3-4-5c per yard worth double	Silver Thimbles.....4c

TINWARE.

50c Dish Pans.....24c	10c Egg Beaters.....3c
40c Dish Pans.....20c	25c Flour Sifters.....12c
10 Quart covered Tin Bucket.....22c	15c Flour Sifters.....10c

RACKET COUNTER.

10c Curry Combs.....5c	25c package matches.....12c
15c Whips.....9c	15c Bottle Amonia.....10c
25c Dish Pans.....14c	10c Sunrise Polish.....8c
Syring Cloth Pins per dozen.....4c	40c Chamber Bottles.....5c
AND A 1000 OTHER BARGAINS.	15c Lamp Shades.....10c

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